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Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst with bride Frankie Braxton Perkins at reception at the Capitol.

Kleindienst Gives The Bride Away

By Angela Terrell

Frankie Braxton is a well-liked young black woman who works for the Justice Department. She has been in the public relations office for the narcotics division for almost three years and is now on the staff of Attorney General Richard Kleindienst. The general consensus of her by her co-workers is, "Frankie's so nice to everyone." And her new boss says, "She's versatile and a great person."

So it wasn't too unusual yesterday when Frankie married Tommy Perkins, public affairs director for radio station WGMS, that Justice Department officials, led by Kleindienst, gave up their usual Sunday relaxations to attend or that the attorney general himself gave the bride away.

At a reception held in the Capitol's Senate dining room, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst stood beside the bride in a receiving line and shook hands with his colleagues, and friends and family of the bride and groom.

"I'm here just because Frankie asked me to give her away," said a beaming Kleindienst, "She's a good friend." The new Mrs. Perkins' father died when she was twelve. She is now administrative assistant to the attorney general as well as handling public relations for John Ingersoll of the narcotics bureau who came in spite of having laryngitis.

Tommy Perkins formerly worked in marketing and sales for black-oriented radio station WOL and just recently joined WGMS.

Bob Parker, maitre d' at the Capitol, said this reception is the second given at the Capitol. "I did it because Frankie's such a nice person," he said, adding that there were fewer security problems for the attorney general there. The last reception, he said, was about four years ago for Sen. George McGovern's daughter. "It's not the usual thing around here."